

LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

MICELANEOUS PROSE WORKS. By Edward Bulwer-Lytton. 2 volumes. New York: Harper Brothers. These volumes will prove acceptable to almost every reader. The style of Bulwer is so elegant that one glides over his words with ease and interest at all times.

THE BACHELOR OF SALAMANCA. Translated from the French of M. Le Sage. By James Townsend. 2 volumes. Philadelphia: Thomas W. Hartley, Nos. 819 and 821 Market street. "Oh Blas" ranks next to "Robinson Crusoe," "The Arabian Nights," and "Don Quixote," in the order of that series of standard old-time books, which every man is supposed to have read in his early youth.

AMERICAN FISH CULTURE. By Theodorus Norris. Philadelphia: Porter & Coates. When Mr. Norris writes about fish he knows what he is attempting to do. His previous work, "The American Angler's Book," has had no rival since the days of good old Isaac Walton, that prince of the catchers of fish. The little volume which Mr. Norris now adds to piscatorial literature is unquestionably the most elaborate and scientific that has ever been placed before the American public.

THE OTTOMAN HABIT, with Suggestions as to the Remedy. New York: Harper Brothers. This work, by an anonymous writer, goes over the whole ground so wretchedly trodden by Coleridge and De Quincy. It sets forth in all its horror, the distressing effect of the appetite for the drug, and points out to its victims the surest and speediest way to a cure of their malady.

FIRST PRINCIPLES OF PORTER EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. By S. S. Randall. New York: Harper Brothers. Mr. Randall, the author of this work, is at present the Superintendent of the Public Schools of the city of New York, and has devoted many years to a careful study of the wants of the system.

HARPER'S PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE GREAT REBELLION. By Alfred H. Guernsey and Henry M. Alden. 2 volumes. New York: Harper Brothers. Messrs. Claxton, Remsen & Haffelinger, of Nos. 819 and 821 Market street, send us the second and concluding volume of this elegant work, which has been so long in course of publication in a serial form.

From Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Brothers, of No. 306 Chesnut street, we receive several new popular works, with announcement of others to be issued by them within a few days. Among these are "Beppo, the Corsair," a new novel by T. A. Trollope; "Mabel's Mistake," Mrs. Ann S. Stephens' latest romance; "The Last Athenian," translated from the Swedish of Victor Rydberg, by William W. Thomas, Jr.; "The White Scalper," another of Gustave Aimard's stories of adventure on the borders; "The Red Court Farm," the latest effusion from the prolific pen of Mrs. Henry Wood; "Leah, or the Forsaken," a translation of the original German work the dramatization of which has been so popular in this country; "The Count of Moret, or, Richelieu and his Rivals," by Alexander Damas; "Across the Atlantic," by Dr. C. H. Haeseler, an attractive book of European travel; and a popular edition of the Lives of Horatio Seymour and Frank P. Blair, Jr.

Claxton, Remsen & Haffelinger send us a copy of a work of value to mariners and all who are concerned in sea affairs, entitled "Comer's Navigation Simplified," which is designed as a manual of instruction in the art as actually practiced asea. All the practical branches of Navigation and Nautical Astronomy are embraced in it. It is published by Harper & Brothers, of New York.

From the same house we receive No. 318 of Harper's Library of Select Novels, being a new romance by Annie Thomas, entitled "The Dover House." Miss Thomas' previous works have been characterized by a freshness and graceful diction which have established for her a substantial reputation. The present volume is fully equal to her past contributions to romantic literature.

POLITICAL.

The Boston Journal gives the following as an indication of the way the wind blows: "A gentleman connected with one of the largest mercantile establishments of this city returned yesterday, after an absence of several weeks spent in the States of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, and New York. While traveling he has endeavored to test the general political sentiment by taking numerous votes in the cars. These votes have invariably given Grant a majority of from twenty to fifty per cent. The last vote taken, on the line between Albany and Springfield, resulted as follows:—Grant, 57; Seymour, 12; non-voters, 8."

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial, after detailing his conversations in Kentucky with various politicians, says: "As a summary of what I saw and heard in Kentucky, I can only say that if the people over there mean anything at all by their talk, they mean light, and, in the event of a Democratic victory, will inaugurate it at once. They seem to be desperate over the loss of slavery and political power in the nation, and they now feel like doing what they did not in 1861—going into the fight as a State, as well as individuals."

The leading Democrats of Ohio say that the nomination of Valhan Higham for Congress will cost them 10,000 votes in that State. If he loses the party 10,000 votes in Ohio, he ought to lose them 200,000 in the Union. Every movement made by the Democrats since the Fourth of July has been a blunder.

Aaron W. Gilbert, a member of the colored Democratic Club of America, Ga., has recently resigned, saying in his letter: "Starvation and death may come, and we without a dollar in my pocket, and still I will be a Republican, and always will be, so as to have an equal showing before the law."

A letter from Illinois declares that that State is sure to give fifty thousand majority against Seymour, Blair, and renewed rebellion. The Quincy Way confirms this, and predicts that the Republicans will carry every Congressional district that they carried in 1860.

In Cincinnati the Republicans have formed a Grant and Colfax cavalry battalion. The uniform consists of cavalry jackets, red caps, with white top and an Irish shilling; body belts, red, white, and blue.

Hon. Thomas J. Turner, of Freeport, Ill., who was the last Democratic candidate for Congress against E. B. Washburne, has publicly avowed his intention to work and vote for Grant and Colfax.

Gossip About French Authors. The Paris correspondent of the Publishers' Circular writes: "Never did literary men, French literary men, insist more than at present upon the absolute necessity of living in Paris in order to work well. Critics are unanimously of opinion that M. Theodore Barriere owes his continued dramatic failures, of late, to his suburban residence. M. F. Sarcey went, a short time since, to M. Victorien Sardou's beautiful country seat at Marly. He said: 'What a charming place to work at! M. Sardou replied: 'Oh dear, no! A good place to dream in, but when I want to work I slip on my overcoat, take the railway, and in fifteen minutes I am in the Chaussee d'Antin—there I get in the humor of working.' This feverish life of Paris is becoming fatal to many an author. A good many authors reported ill are really kept by their friends in seclusion because their minds are jangled."

"After all sorts of conflicting rumors about M. Theodore Barriere, we are now told, on authority well placed, that he has just returned to Paris as a vagabond. Hearing of his arrest, the sub-prefect of Grasse guessed the vagabond was none other than the literary man he had heard spoken of, and he had him carried to the hospital. The following day poor Barriere was taken to the police station, where a request was placed in the case of two gendarmes, with whom he entered Nice in the evening. He passed the night at the police station. The next morning he was recognized and carried to the lunatic asylum of Nice. He is speechless, and deprived of reason."

M. Ernest Capucini was buried a few days ago, after a most feverish life. He was born in Grasse, at least in independence of fortune. His father was a merchant, who left \$50,000 or \$60,000 to be divided between his wife and only child. He unfortunately died before his son grew up to man's estate. The moment young Capucini was in possession of his fortune he laid out his money in the purchase of a house in a short time found himself not only at the end of his estate, but to the lips in debt. His mother came to his assistance, and sacrificed a portion of her estate to release him from his creditors. He consequently had no money, and at last he was obliged to refuse to give him any more.

Then occurred a passage in his life which is enveloped in so much obscurity that I scarcely feel at liberty to speak of it. When he was, it made it necessary for him to quit France. He died soon after his departure, it was said, broken-hearted. In course of time he returned to France, and appealed to his pen to support himself. He struggled for a long time, but was long, but at last he found it remunerative, and was fortunate enough to write a comedy, "Les Faux Bonhommes," with M. Theodore Barriere, which had a long run of success, and must have brought him in a good deal of money. But his habits were extravagant. He had, like many literary men here, married his mistress, who probably knew little of domestic economy. He tried the theatre several times afterwards, but never attained great success.

The Imperial Printing Office has issued M. Joseph Doreville's "Essai sur l'Histoire de la Pale-tine depuis Cyrus jusqu'à Adrien, d'après les Thalmuds et les autres sources rabbiniques." M. Ernest Renan says of it: "We cordially recommend this work to persons who take interest in the history of Judaism and Christianity. It is full of solid learning, and in it the author gives evidence of rare penetration of mind, and of one of our most meritorious Oriental scholars."

Fossil Iron Ore in Huntingdon County, Pa. A rich and apparently inexhaustible deposit of fossil iron ore was recently discovered on the Barree Forge and Furnace property, belonging to Messrs. Green, in Porter township, Huntingdon County. A correspondent of the Huntingdon Journal, who has been visiting the locality, thus refers to specimens of this ore, of which the editor of the Journal says there is a sufficient quantity to supply the local demand.

The vein from which it was taken is about one and a half miles from the Barree Iron Works, on the property of Messrs. Green. After being removed it was brought to the furnace and found to weigh 8150 pounds. It is a solid mass of rich, pure ore, presenting a surface and structure perfectly crystalline, and is dressed by a marble cutter, and measures sixty-two inches in length by thirty-two in breadth. There are other blocks of the same size as yet been discovered. It is the intention of the Messrs. Green to have it analyzed by a competent chemist, and then to make little doubt of its yielding 50 to 60 per cent of pure iron, if not more. The discovery of this ore, in its present locality, fully corroborates the opinion given a few months since by Professor Morley, Mining Engineer of the Cambria Iron Works, together with that of Mr. Trimbach, an experienced miner. It is well worth a visit from mineralogists, geologists, and scientific men, as well as all others interested in the manufacture of iron."

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